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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment and three (3) Replacement Sheets for Figures 1 to 3 of the Drawings.

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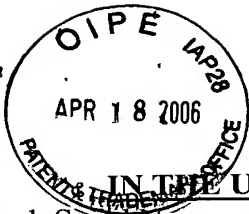
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**AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

S I R:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 12, 2006 (the three-month response date for which is April 12, 2006), please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.